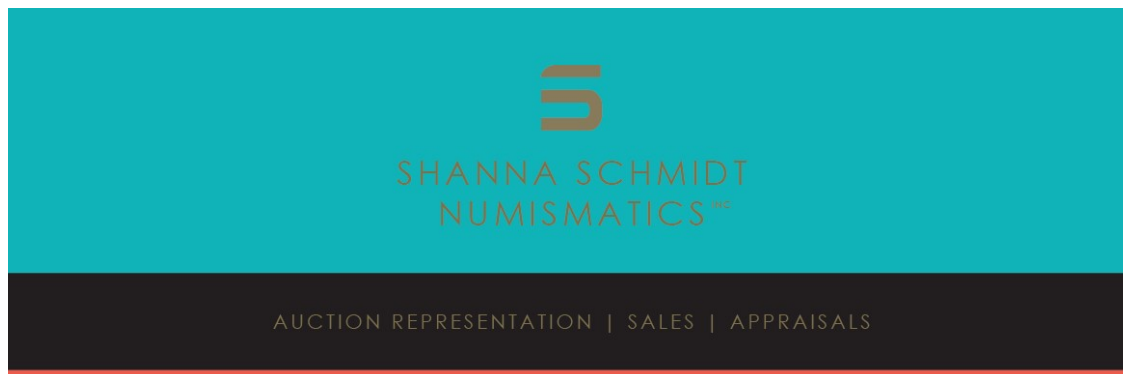


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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a great week. I know I'm a little tired from extending my jetlag to include the Peus 424 auction this week. Getting up at 2 a.m. for two consecutive days is no fun. On the other hand, I bought some very nice coins for clients and even snapped up a few coins for me. This coming week won't see a ton of activity until the end of the week with the M&M Germany and Leu auctions. The following week is the CNG MBS 111. I don't like to get too personal in my newsletters but in the next few weeks if I am not as available please bear with me. I'm preparing for my son to leave for school in Germany and if you are a parent you will understand that this is no easy task. Thanks for understanding!!

Münzen und Medaillen Germany 48 (Live on May 24)

M&M Germany will hold its 48th live auction on May 24th for 1,043 coins. Along with ancient coins there are also over 100 lots of numismatic literature. There are some very nice pedigreed lots and a few real gems. M&M also is conducting an auction on the day prior exclusively for coins of the Crusader states and their successors - The collection of Erich Wäckerlin. Since this isn't necessarily my area I haven't discussed it here but I did hear from another collector that this is an interesting collection so it may be worth checking out if this is your interest. I will be bidding live online during this auction so get in touch if you don't feel like getting up at the crack of dawn to bid.

Leu Auction 4 (Live on May 25)

Leu is conducting their 4th live auction on May 25th. This is their biggest auction yet (for live) with 925 lots. A few collections of note in this sale is the large selection of Celtic coins at the beginning of the sale. The Massalia collection starting around lot 115 and ending with lot 144 is another small but noteworthy group. There is a large grouping of Roman provincial coinage available in this sale. I'm always impressed by

the reverse imagery on some of these pieces. Phenomenal scenes on mostly large flan specimens are great. The lower cost of entry on these pieces also makes them rather enticing. There are many other interesting pieces so check the sale out online and get in touch should you need my help.

CNG Mail Bid Sale 111 (Closes on May 29)

CNG conducts auctions in a few different ways. You have bi-monthly sales that are electronic only. They also offer fixed priced items that will periodically show up along with the CNR (Classical Numismatic Review) coins. The best material (they say) usually show up in their mail bid auctions or the Triton sales which occur in NYC every January. Both Triton and the MBS have catalogs that are printed as well. The CNG MBS 111 is another very exciting sale with lots of varying collector interests available. They have several collections that are featured such as the Ealing (Greek, Roman, Early Medieval and British), Gasvoda (Greek), MNL (Greek, Seleucid), Prieur (Syro-Phoenician), The Brexit (Roman gold), RAJ (world medals) and the G.W.K. Roberts (British Milled coinage) groups. Numerous pedigreed pieces and many high quality examples abound. I am participating and am looking forward to hearing from you should you need help.

Bookophile (A new website)

I'm so excited to see that the folks from Coinsweekly have endeavored to create a new website which features books, one of my favorite things. Bookophile is a beautifully designed site with articles and more on interesting books and relatable subjects. I'm sure this is a work in progress but from what I've seen thus far I believe I will be visiting this very often.

Here is a link to it. The site is available in English and German.

<https://bookophile.com/?lang=en>

World's Fair of Money - Summer ANA - Rosemont, IL (August 13-17)

It is that time of year again where we start preparing for one of the biggest trade shows for coin dealers in the U.S. The show this year is in lovely Rosemont, IL. Well, Rosemont isn't lovely but it is close to O'Hare and with a short taxi ride into Chicago. I will be exhibited at the show this year and actually just selected my table. You can find me in the ancients and world section in booth 1345. We will be next to the American Numismatic Society again as we were last year. Very excited to be together again. I'll talk more about the fair in upcoming newsletters.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/achaemenid-empire-time-of-darius-i-xerxes-ii-c-5th-century-bc?rq=gk1296>

ACHAEMENID EMPIRE. Time of Darius I-Xerxes II. c. 5th century BC

AV Daric, 8.34g (16mm). Lydo-Milesian standard. Sardes mint. Persian king or hero, wearing cidaris and sandals, quiver over shoulder, in kneeling-running stance right, transverse spear in right hand, bow forward in left / Rectangular irregular incuse punch.

References: Carradice Type IIIb, Group A/B

Grade: Overall minor wear but very complete and pleasantly struck. aEF

Price: \$3,750

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The Achaemenid Empire had enormous power until its ultimate downfall with the conquest of Alexander the Great. Geographically, Achaemenid rule extended from Macedonia in the west to Pakistan in the east, and from the river Syr Dar'ya and the Caucasus mountains in the north to the Libyan desert and the Persian Gulf in the south. Gold darics showing the Persian king on the obverse and silver siglos coins with the identical imagery was the bi-metallic coinage of the Persians. Cyrus the Great first introduced coinage after his conquest of Lydia and King Croesus. He even temporarily copied the lion/bull imagery that was started under Croesus.

Darius (521-486 BC) introduced the daric during his reign. The daric has a high purity of gold (close to 96% approximately) and was heavily utilized in the empire until the rise of Alexander the Great. It is suggested that Alexander took large supplies of darics and melted them down in order to create a supply for his own gold coinage.

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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